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Docket No.: 283_304
(PATENT)

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:
Timothy P. Meier et al.

Application No.: 09/788,179

Confirmation No.: 5313

Filed: February 16, 2001

Art Unit: 2624

For:

Examiner: B. Q. Le

Old Title: IDENTIFICATION CARD READER

New Title: CARD READER

COMMENTS ON STATEMENT OF REASONS FOR ALLOWANCE

MS Issue Fee
Commissioner for Patents
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Sir:

INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS

Comments begin on page 2 of this paper.

COMMENTS

Regarding the reasons for allowance presented by the Examiner in the August 15, 2007 and the January 16, 2008 Notices of Allowance, the applicants note that the elements listed by the Examiner are not recited in each claim. If the Examiner's position is that the elements listed in the Examiner's statement must be recited in each claim for each claim to be allowable, the Examiner is respectfully requested to withdraw allowance and to present a formalized non-final Office action to substantiate such a position. Otherwise the record will reflect that each claim has been allowed based on its recital of elements actually recited herein.

Accordingly, in view of the above remarks, applicants believe the present application to be in condition for allowance and respectfully request passage to allowance of the application.

If the Examiner believes that contact with applicants' attorney would be advantageous toward the disposition of this case, the Examiner is herein requested to call applicants' representative at the phone number listed below.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees associated with this communication or credit any overpayment to deposit Account No. 50-0289.

Dated: April 16, 2008

Respectfully submitted,

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